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Notice: Restructure of international adoption process

On January 17, 2017 the Ministry of Family, Labor and Social Policy (Ministry), Poland's Central Authority for intercountry adoptions, published a notice in the official government gazette, *Monitor Polski*, announcing a reduction in the number of Polish adoption centers accredited to process international adoptions from three to two. The only centers authorized by the Polish government to handle international adoptions are the Diocesan Adoption Center in Sosnowiec and the Catholic Adoption Center in Warsaw. The Children's Friends Society and TPD Public Adoption Center, both located in Warsaw, are no longer approved to facilitate international adoptions. We understand this will affect all international adoptions under the Hague Convention, not only those to the United States.

The U.S. Embassy in Warsaw is in communication with the Ministry to clarify the requirements applicable both to future adoption processing and to those cases already in process. The Department is closely monitoring this situation and will post a new notice when additional information becomes available.